

Amendment to the Abstract

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ABSTRACT

A building management system and method for configuring the same are disclosed, the building management system comprising a front end device networked to a plurality controller devices. Each controller devices is adapted to transmit a configuration data request if not sufficiently configured to perform its appointed role and the front-end device is adapted to respond to such a configuration data request by broadcasting a configuration data response containing the required configuration data to all the controller devices. Each broadcast configuration data response further includes sufficient information to enable each controller device to determine whether to act on or ignore the broadcast configuration data response.